

REMARKS

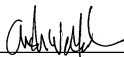
The Examiner has concluded that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten this claim as newly added claim 17 and canceled claim 7 to place the claim in a condition for allowance. Claims 18 - 20 have also been added. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification on page 5; no new matter is added. Dependent claims 2-4, 8 and 9 have been amended to now depend from this new claim 17. Claims 1, 5-7 and 11-16 have been canceled. Original claim 10 remains unchanged. The text of the rewritten claims marked-up to show the changes relative to the previous version of the claims are attached herewith in Appendix A in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application and the claims therein, as revised, are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call should the Examiner have any comments with respect to this response or the claim language for purposes of efficiently resolving same.

Respectfully submitted,

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